

Extension office welcomes new 4-H Agent



Photo by Meade County Cooperative Extension Office. Rebecca Wilkins is the new Meade County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Services.

She said she wants to “work together to make sure kids in this community don’t feel that way and they have to struggle to find that joy.”

After working in the horse industry for several years, she found out that her passion went beyond horses. It stemmed from a love of helping people learn about their horses. From there it grew into a love of helping people discover their own passions. According to her, that’s exactly what 4-H does. It provides a place for young people to try different things and discover what brings them joy. If a child tries something he or she doesn’t like, that’s okay. She will help each child to find out what is right for them. She said she wants to work together with the community to make sure that the kids don’t feel like they missed out on anything and don’t have to struggle to find that joy.

Right now, she is learning about the Meade County community and what the young people here want to know. She has created a needs assessment for the 4-H families. She also wants to hear from those not engaged in the program. That information will help her set professional goals moving forward.

Wilkins says that “when you are truly passionate about something, you can’t help but teach someone about it. My personal goal is to help the community’s youth find something they can be excited about and proud of. If it’s their beef project, that’s awesome. If it’s a sewing project, that’s great. I want to help cre-

Tammie Beasley
Messenger Staff

On October 15, Rebecca Wilkins became the Meade County Youth 4-H Youth Development Agent for the Meade County Cooperative Extension Office in Brandenburg.

Wilkins, originally from Nashville, Tenn., currently resides in Corydon, IN with her husband of almost 14 years, Alex, and her daughter, Herriot, eight years old.

Wilkins received her undergraduate degree from Midway College in Midway, KY with a Bachelor of Arts in Equine Management. She received her graduate degree from the University of Tennessee with a Master of Arts in Agricultural Leadership Education and Communication. She also received a graduate certificate in Instructional Design and Technology from Purdue Global.

Wilkins grew up in an urban area where 4-H wasn’t available. She was a horse-crazy kid in the middle of a city. Her family home was two blocks off Interstate I-40 in Nashville. She watched horse racing on television and dreamed of Kentucky. She says she grew up knowing she had needed the benefits of 4-H. Her story is typical of so many kids who are born knowing in their bones what they love and what they want in this world. Luckily for her, she had the drive and a family that realized her horse “bug” wasn’t going to go away. College brought her to Kentucky where she thrived in her education and her talents.

Henderson
Tiny Miss- Kyle
Bowden
Little Miss- Nora
Darnall
0-9 year old Novice
Supreme- Freya Kate
Moore
0-9 Year old Mini
Supreme- Oaklyn
Caster
0-9 year old Grand
Supreme- Logan Ross

Age 10+ Division:
Pre-teen Miss- Cora
Worstell
Teen Miss- Sophie
Lawson
Miss- Logan Comp-
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Mrs.- Heaven Fulk-
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Ms.- Sarah Burton
10+ Novice Su-
preme- Angel Medley
10+ Mini Supreme-
Presley Campbell
10+ Grand Su-
preme- Paige Swope

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Jennifer Gravit
Charity Award-
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testants, 3,744 items
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Age 0-9 Division:
2025 Baby Miss
Christmas- Rixley
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Toddler Miss- Mag-
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Miss Christmas

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for the Miss Christmas
Pageant.

The pageant host-
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for 0-9 years of age
contestants and an af-
ternoon session for
contestants who are
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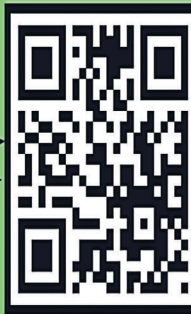
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